

## PRESIDENT HARDING EXTOLLED BY LODGE

He Places Country First and  
Subordinates Party, De-  
clares Senator.

ALSO KNOWS HIS PLACE

'Never Misinterprets His Rela-  
tions to Universe' or Claims  
Infallibility.

Boston, June 5.—President Harding "has never misinterpreted his relations to the universe," said Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in responding to the toast "The President," at the annual banquet of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company here to-night.

"President Harding," he said, "came to his great office with a majority of the popular vote far greater proportionately than was ever given to any of his predecessors in any genuinely contested election. He accepted his victory with a deep sense of its solemn responsibilities. He entered upon his new duties with characteristic modesty, and that modesty, despite the adulation, the appeals to his power, the dignity and the observance of forms which surround and beset all Presidents, has never been affected for a moment.

"This is only saying in another way that he has never misinterpreted his relations to the universe—a qualification of such vast importance to the intelligence and useful conduct of life, especially in places of the gravest responsibility, that it is too often overlooked, and a misunderstanding of a man's relations to the universe is apt to be injurious to others and often fatal to himself."

Senator Lodge said that the President was "by nature very sympathetic" and cited as an example of his reorganization of the veterans' bureau.

"He has another very great quality, as it seems to me," the Senator continued. "He always thinks of his country first. To that, everything else is subordinate. That a man in high office should think of his country first, not of his party, never of himself in the crowding labors of the Chief Executive, may seem to you a matter of course. I wish it were, but, believe me, it is not universal, and for a President, or any other public officer of grave responsibilities, to think always first of the public good without any admixture of the selfish purpose is a really great quality."

"When you can say of any man, as I venture to assert without qualification of President Harding, that he is modest and tolerant, as well as highly intelligent, trained to public affairs, and widely experienced in them; that he is always ready to consult and learn, that he understands his relations to the universe, the hallmark of perfect sanity, that he is deeply sympathetic with his fellow-men, and that in dealing with public questions he always thinks of his country first, we may rest assured that in the hands of a man so qualified and of such a nature the Republic will take no detriment and that the honor of our country will always be preserved."

"He would be the last to assert his own infallibility. He knows well that all men who make anything make mistakes and that those who believe themselves exempt from error, those happy few who never make mistakes, are equally free from making anything else. It is enough for him to give all that he has—all his best efforts and hardest work, to the execution of his great tasks with the entire confidence that the American people will understand and help him, an ambition very modest in its scope, perhaps, but possibly more serviceable to his country than some that soar higher upon fanciful wings, only to be lost in a starry space or fall headlong back to earth."

Senator Lodge praised the President for calling the Conference for the Limitation of Armament "in order to lighten, if possible, the burdens of the nations and promote the peace of the world."

## CUNNINGHAM FACES WARD BUT IS NOT RECOGNIZED

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"Attorney, Wardie!" and "Oh, you Wardie!" drew a smile.

Yesterday in charging the June Grand Jury, Judge Bleakley said:

Judge Declines Inquiry.

"During the past month a homicide has been committed within the county. The killing and many of the facts in connection therewith have become notorious. I do not know whether or not these facts will be presented to you or to the Supreme Court Grand Jury, which has now been discharged, but in view of the statements contained in certain newspapers that counsel for the person connected with the killing is a partner of mine, I would suggest that the District Attorney take this matter before the Supreme Court Grand Jury."

"It is, however, my duty to say to you that I am not a party of the counsel referred to, and am not engaged in the practice of law, as I am prohibited therefrom by statute."

"If, however, the District Attorney, in his discretion, elects to place the facts before you, it is well that you should be advised. Make a thorough and searching investigation of this matter. Summon before you every witness that has any knowledge of the facts. Do not rest until you have heard every particle of evidence and until you have determined whether or not a crime has been committed, and if you find that a crime has been committed indict the offender forthwith."

"I am equally notorious that the person who admits the killing is a man of wealth. Do not be swayed by passion or prejudice. Give this man his rights, but give him no greater rights than the poor unfortunate who is unable to obtain counsel."

"The same rules of evidence apply, the same degree of proof is required in each instance, for the law is no respecter of persons. This may come to you as your duty. Your interest and my interest are identical. It is the interest of every citizen of this county that this matter be sifted to the bottom and the truth ascertained in as short a space of time as is commensurate with justice."

Cunningham Defended.

Cunningham's lawyer, Maurice J. McCarthy of 27 William street, New York, asked Justice Seeger for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that his client had been unlawfully held by Coroner Fitzgerald. In the afternoon, when the writ was argued before the same judge, the lawyer said:

"In his statement, which is essentially correct, my client said he is willing to cooperate with the authorities and clean up this alleged blackmail plot."

"James J. Cunningham was employed years ago as a private detective by the New York Jockey Club and as investigator and detective he has been exceptionally successful. He has thwarted numerous blackmail plots, in one of which more than \$200,000 was involved."

"He has nothing to conceal in this case. He is a victim of circumstances. He was trying to foil a blackmail plot. Two weeks before the killing of Peter Cunningham had an interview with Jackson, who formerly worked for him and Jackson approached him on the matter of taking up a blackmail case. Cunningham said he would look into it. That was the last he saw of Jackson until the morning of May 18, when, between 1 and 1:30 A. M., Jackson and Rogers got him on the telephone at his home in The Bronx and said Jackson was wounded."

"Cunningham told Rogers to get a doctor. They said they couldn't, because 'the authorities were after them.' About 2:30 Cunningham met them near his home (in The Bronx). They had done nothing for Jackson's wound, and Cunningham urged them to see a doctor. "He then went into his house to get his coat, with the intention of notifying the police. When he returned, however, Jackson and Rogers were gone. Subsequently Cunningham met Rogers in Stamford and tried to get in touch with Jackson, but was told that Jackson was too sick."

"If Jackson and Rogers can be found this alleged blackmail plot can be cleared up in two minutes."

## Witness in Ward Case



JAMES CUNNINGHAM.

had found Beryl Curtis Ward, wife of the principal character in the melodrama, spent two hours at the home of a friend in White Plains while waiting for the expected call to go before the Grand Jury. Her maid, Amy Mild, and the children's nurse, Lulu Barrows, were also in White Plains. All the members of the Ward household returned to New Rochelle in the afternoon.

The Grand Jury.

This is the Grand Jury which will try to reach the truth in the Ward case: Auckland B. Cordner, foreman, insurance, 146 Meadow Lane, New Rochelle; Howard W. Wietemore, paper, supplies, Milton road, Rye; George H. Roth, merchant, Mt. Kisco; J. Wilson Gordon, manager, 15 Morris Crescent, Yonkers; Edward H. Coddling, retired, 84 Pintard avenue, New Rochelle; Luke A. Van Zandt, retired, White Plains; William B. Breeve, retired, 15 Abendroth place, Port Chester; R. Russell Requa, retired, 144 King street, Port Chester; Arthur Gentles, salesman, 334 South Eleventh street, Mt. Vernon; William R. Roane, merchant, Irvington; Edward J. Cordial, manager, Edgemont Park, New Rochelle; Harry B. Carpenter, manager, 394 Irving avenue, Port Chester; Joseph McCosless, real estate, Watson avenue, Ossining; William L. Saunders, retired, 364 Palisades avenue, Yonkers; Fred C. Mason, accountant, 33 Cornell place, Yonkers; Clement F. Minor, superintendent, 2 South Ninth avenue, Mt. Vernon; Chester P. Morris, marble contractor, Scarsdale; Herbert J. Prentice, treasurer, 47 Glen avenue, Mt. Vernon; Benjamin S. Townsend, carriage manufacturer, Hartsdale; Leander Horton, retired, 47 Sound View avenue, Port Chester.

The Pinkerton Detectives, who were engaged last week and worked around New Rochelle several days, shifted their search to Boston yesterday, but what they expected to find there was not made known. Relatives of Clarence Peters, who were expected to be in White Plains or New Rochelle yesterday, were not sighted.

John Cenzo, the Philadelphia prisoner, explained yesterday that he got his wound in a "hooch party" fight in

## PINCHOT DISAGREES WITH ORGANIZATION

Has Own Choice for State  
Chairman While Senator Pepp-  
er and Reed Have Another.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau.  
Washington, D. C., June 5.

Gifford Pinchot, Republican nominee for Governor of Pennsylvania, failed to agree at a conference here to-day with Senator Pepper and his running mate, Major David A. Reed, of Pittsburgh, on the chairmanship of the Republican State Committee. It was announced after a two hour meeting in Senator Pepper's apartment in the Powhatan Hotel that they had "reached an amicable disagreement."

Mr. Pinchot is opposing the selection of W. Harry Baker, former secretary of the committee. Mr. Baker is the choice of the so-called Capitol Hill combine.

After the conference Senator Pepper and Major Reed addressed a joint letter to the State Committee recommending Mr. Baker for chairman and Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton of Philadelphia, for vice chairman.

This was the answer of the two organization Senatorial candidates to Mr. Pinchot, who defeated the organization in the gubernatorial primary. It means there will be a showdown at the meeting of the State Committee on Saturday in Philadelphia between the liberal-independent and the Old Guard groups in the party. Mr. Pinchot's choice for State chairman is Brig. Gen. Asher Miner of

Wilkes-Barre. The quick dispatch of the letter recommending Mr. Baker by Senator Pepper and Major Reed was regarded as a sign of battle for control of the party machinery.

Both Senator Pepper and Mr. Pinchot

said this afternoon that their difference over the State chairmanship did not mean a cleavage in the party, which would be found solidly for all of the Republican nominees in the elections next November.



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